



N. A. Merritt of the sales department of the Jackson Automobile Company visited Washington last week. He called on L. D. Moore, agent for the Jackson.

The Automobile Club of Washington will probably start a reliability contest May 8. The course is through Maryland and Pennsylvania. Several entries have been received.

Hugh Kelly has bought a Packard touring car through the Luttrell company. The company reports having been busy this spring season handling the Buick as well as the Packard.

The decision of the Motor Club of Harrisburg to make Washington the night stopping place the first day of its reliability contest, to be held from May 3 to May 6, has aroused much interest here. Arrangements have been made for a government official to review the contesting cars at the finish the day after the contest. The first day's run of the Harrisburg Club will be a memorable affair. The first checking station will be at the main entrance to the battle of Gettysburg. Another checking station will be in front of the John Brown monument at Harpers Ferry, a third at the old house in Frederick on the windows of which Barbara Fritchie is said to have waved her country's flag, and the last in front of the White House here.

"It took a long time for both the automobile owner and manufacturer to appreciate the need of larger tires," Secretary Stadlerman of the Goodyear Rubber and Tire Company explains. "The first automobile tires that were made of the size 36x5 were produced at the expense of the owner, who paid for the special molds. At that time tires of that size were not made and were considered a novelty. Tire makers as excessive in size, even when they were ordered. The owner wanted them, however, and had to pay for them and paid for it. He never regretted the cost, as the saving in the first two years of both money and temper yielded what he considered big returns."

"His reasoning was brought about by the fact that he took a bicycle tire of that size and considered it a novelty, as compared with the weight it had to carry. Ignoring for the moment the fact that the automobile has been carrying strains from speed and from the twisting action of four wheels as against two, he found that the tire size recommended for his car was a novelty, and it was this that started him along the line of ordering and paying extra for the bigger tires."

The perils of the desert across which lies the way to Death Valley recently shut an automobile party of three from Los Angeles off from the outside world for nine days, to the great surprise of the friends who thought the invaders of the waste lands had died of thirst.

D. V. A. Williams, a mining man, with Samuel F. Hammond and a chauffeur named Bashaw, set out from Los Angeles on a touring trip and in the middle of the desert found themselves in a predicament. They had started for a mine near Johannesburg, but had taken the wrong road leading to the Mojave river, over which they had been directed to go.

They were rushing along during the darkest hours when the driver's car was hit by a rock hidden by a clump of desert bush, the force of the collision breaking some of the mechanism beneath the car and leaving the crew stranded on a desert island in a wide sweeping ocean of sand.

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A new motor car recently bought by Andrew Carnegie, the steel king, is of forty-eight horsepower.

Crown Prince Ferdinand of Roumania is now a member of the Royal Automobile Club of England.

Massachusetts is now credited with more than 18,000 automobiles and something like 700 miles of scientifically built smooth macadam highways.

One hundred automobiles are expected to be in use in Boston by the first of July.

Taxicabs are to be introduced in Portland, Me., this summer.

A new automobile club of Maryland has planned to establish local branches of the club in every important city and town in the state.

The German Imperial Automobile Club has decided that its trials of industrial motor vehicles will extend from April 23 to May 12.

The Automobile Club of Philadelphia is endeavoring to have the restriction against the use of tire chains in Fairmount Park repealed.

The New Jersey Automobile and Motor Club of Newark now has more than 4,000 members. Among new members is Jacob Hausman, mayor of Newark.

ran by the Rochester, N. Y., Automobile Club. The Chattanooga (Tenn.) Automobile Club and the Birmingham Association have been organized. The object of the new body is to place a boycott on negro chauffeurs.

Now comes a new terror for "joy riders." According to report, a company has been formed in New York to spot machines and inform owners of their chauffeurs' actions.

Reports from abroad indicate that an automobile show will be held in Paris as usual next winter in spite of the opposition of a number of leading manufacturing firms.

If a coil is in such condition that a current will not pass through it it is always due to burning out, and a new coil must be secured to replace the old one.

A motor police patrol wagon will soon be put into service in Philadelphia. Others will follow in event the experiment proves a success, which is not doubted.

As a result of the industrial motor trials, lasting twelve months, in Paris a French automobile manufacturer has been given a license to build 100 vehicles at a cost of more than \$300,000.

The Manitoba Motor League has arranged with the provincial legislature for the use of the telephone poles, thereby saving the expense of erecting posts.

Chicago has fourteen motor vehicles engaged in public service, one of which has traveled 97,000 miles in two years, while another has covered 52,000 miles in a single year.

Preparations are being made by the Minnesota State Automobile Association for the coming year's motor trials, containing information as to routes, roads and hotels throughout the state.

The Automobile Club of Canada is backing a movement to let the twenty-two miles of roads skirting Lake St. Louis, near Montreal. Heretofore a dust cloud has hung over the region daily during the touring season.

Norfolk county, Va., has voted \$200,000 to the construction of a new county highway. Henry county of the same state will vote shortly on the appropriation of \$200,000 to build 100 miles of new road.

A forty-horsepower car has been ordered by Atlantic City, N. J., for its fire chief. The car will be equipped with extinguishers, a fire bell and a box at the rear for the chief's helmet and rubber coat, in addition to room for carrying tools and other necessities.

The Automobile Club of New Haven, Conn., has decided to begin another campaign to increase the number of its members. Five months ago there were less than seventy-five members in the club and at the present time there are 100.

An outgrowth of the local automobile show is a four-day endurance run that will be given by the Detroit Automobile Dealers' Association, April 27 to 30, a day's mileage under the schedules will be from 100 miles up, and suitable prizes will be awarded.

Being desirous of making the two-day endurance contest in May a most successful affair, the Detroit Automobile Club has issued invitations to the automobile clubs of Philadelphia to give their opinions as to the most popular route for the run.

The Automobile Club of California has completed the erecting of road signs in the northern part of the state, in the San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Fresno counties. The club has posted 1,200 miles of road signs in a radius of 250 miles from San Francisco.

It is about settled that Boston is to have a third automobile club, as the proposed club, the Boston Automobile Club, and the Bay State Automobile Association have failed of acceptance by the committees of the two clubs.

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Between \$15,000 and \$20,000 will be spent on the automobile carnival in New York city in April. More than a score of members of the club are expected to be making the trip to the carnival, the secretary of the club, Bert Van Tuyle, will make a pathfinding tour prior to the run.

The automobile show at Toledo, Ohio, which opens tomorrow for a week's run, promises to be one of the most successful yet held in Ohio. It will be held in the Coliseum, the same as last year, but instead of being divided, as at that time, all the local dealers will participate.

The promoters of the automobile race course at St. Louis hope to have the track finished in time to be opened next October, during the celebration of the centennial of the founding of the city. The track is to be oval in shape, of reinforced cement, with a grandstand seating 10,000 persons. The space within the oval will be devoted to automobile races.

According to the announcement of a large tire-making company of Ohio a new tire-making machine, invented by one of its employees, promises to revolutionize the tire-making industry. The machine averages fifty tires a day to a man's six or eight, and it is claimed, turns out a much stronger and more even fabric.

Austria-Hungary has appropriated during the last five years about \$2,000,000 to be used entirely in the use and development of the automobile in its various departments. The post office gathers up and delivers its mail by automobile and the army uses the automobile truck exclusively for baggage and transport.

The schedule of sanction fees drawn by the contest board of the A. A. A. is as follows: Road race, where a stand is erected, \$300; track meeting, \$100; track meeting, including 24-hour race, \$200; hill climb, \$50; endurance contest, \$100. All clubs affiliated with the A. A. A. will be entitled to a reduction of 50 per cent of these rates.

Stipulating that prizes and trophies should be guaranteed and that the rules must meet with the approval of its contest committee, the Automobile Club of America has sanctioned the proposed transcontinental run from New York to Seattle, and the event will occur late in May or early in June. Although the entry blanks have not yet been issued, three American and one American entry are practically assured.

New York and Chicago capitalists are said to be back of a project to build a network of transit lines on the New Jersey coast, using the gasoline motor car such as is now used by the Union Pacific railroad. This car is made of pressed steel, 120 horsepower and is

capable of comfortably carrying sixty persons. As neither wire, poles nor third rail will be required, the cost of construction will be comparatively small.

Five automobile measures are now before the Rhode Island legislature through the efforts of the Rhode Island Automobile Club and the Rhode Island Motor League. The most important bill provides that no chauffeur or other person shall drive or operate any motor vehicle upon any public road or highway in Rhode Island in the absence of the owner of such motor vehicle without such owner's consent.

An automatic automobile protector of practical use for private garages attracted a goodly attendance at the Buffalo show. It was designed by Mrs. S. C. Partington, a motoring enthusiast, and consisted of a canvas-covered, muslin-covered, old-fashioned muslin-covered fly for bedroom—suspended from the ceiling of the garage and lowered or raised over the car by a clutch pulley.

The constitutionality of the so-called Freilighuysen law, which regulates the use of motor vehicles in New Jersey, is now up before the supreme court of that state. The test litigation, which directly attacks the constitutionality of the measure, was brought by the Rhode Island Club of America, has been submitted by John W. Griggs, former Attorney General of the United States, for the club, and Assistant Attorney General Gaskill for the state.

The British war office, which recently conducted a series of experiments in transporting troops in motor vehicles, is negotiating for the use of the taxicabs in time of national danger. Already the government has been considering the possibility of increasing the number under subsidy to 4,000 within the next few weeks.

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## NEWS OF THE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN

WITH the inspection of the organizations of the National Guard of the District of Columbia under the provisions of Section 14 of the militia act approved January 21, 1903, drawing rapidly to a close, increased interest is being manifested in the reorganization of the 18th unit. The understanding is that the brigade will be reorganized, in part, at least, prior to the annual field exercises, which will probably occur before the middle of July.

The latter part of last week an urgent demand was made by militia headquarters for the individual service reports which had not yet been submitted. When the unit is reorganized, the first step toward carrying into effect the provisions of the new law will be taken. The service reports will make available information needed in preparing a list of retired officers. Regulations will be secured from the War Department to govern the organization of the staff departments and appointments there to be made without delay. The general staff will be organized for the purpose, will cease to exist, although authorized by the new law. No time will be lost in the formation of the coast artillery battalion.

All officers who are to continue in the service will be reappointed, and, incidentally, the commissions will be renewed. The same as those issued to officers of the army, the chief difference being that the commissions will be issued by the War Department and the Senate. Officers will be commissioned as of an organization—for instance, as of the 18th unit. It is not read that they are connected with any company or any staff position of the regiment. Each captain will be assigned to the staff of the regiment. The battalions the first lieutenants will take turns in the staff positions. The second lieutenants must be competent to perform duty with companies.

It seems clear that no delay will occur in making the new law effective. The new law is not fully known, not even at headquarters. The new law is not fully known, not even at headquarters. The new law is not fully known, not even at headquarters.

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## THE CLUBS

"The Conquest of the Air" was the theme of an illustrated lecture by Lieut. Frank P. Lahm, Signal Corps, U. S. A., before the Potomac Literary Club at 522 6th street northwest, Tuesday evening, Lieut. Lahm said aerial navigation was less dangerous, more fascinating and cost less for a trip of several persons a distance of 100 miles than an automobile trip a similar distance, and traced the development of air craft from their inception over 100 years ago to the latest models used by the French and German armies on the frontiers, the national association formed about the development of aeronautics, and said the United States was making substantial progress in the conquest of the air, although the army was hindered in this regard because of the lack of funds provided by Congress.

After Lieut. Lahm's discourse, the following program, arranged by the Potomac Literary Club, was presented: Piano solo, "Il Trovatore," Mrs. Rosa L. Townsend; vocal solo, "A Dream," Miss Reubens; piano solo, "The Riddle," Mrs. H. V. Selbert; recitation of a new poem, "Smile a Bit," Mrs. Josephine Rice; piano solo, "Chimes of the Evening," Miss Katherine Harrison; piano solo, "The Riddle," Mrs. H. V. Selbert. In response to an encore Mrs. Barber recited "The Railroad," depicting a South African locomotive, and in response to continued applause, "Rubinstein," a travesty on the great composer. Mrs. Barber was followed by Mrs. H. V. Selbert, who played piano solo, "Sonata Pathétique," by Beethoven, and in response, gave "Morning Song," by Robert Herrick, and "The Riddle," by Mrs. H. V. Selbert, who played piano solo, "Sonata Pathétique," by Beethoven, and in response, gave "Morning Song," by Robert Herrick, and "The Riddle," by Mrs. H. V. Selbert.

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